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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **North Area Heap Leach Project**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0087065** is:

**Newmont Mining Corporation  
North Area Heap Leach Project  
P.O. Box 669  
Carlin, Nevada 89822-0669**

The facility, known as the North Area Heap Leach Project, is located within Section 3, Township 35 North, Range 50 East, and Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T36N, R50E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, in north-central Eureka County, approximately 20 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The project consists of a heap leach facility constructed in seven (7) phases, which includes two (2) synthetic-lined and leak-detected pregnant ponds, a synthetic-lined and leak-detected storm pond, a system of synthetic-lined and leak-detected solution collection ditches, a carbon adsorption facility constructed within secondary containment for the recovery of gold, seven (7) water quality monitoring wells and associated pipelines, sumps, pumps and engineered containment for conveyance and control of process solution within the facility. Recovered gold is refined at the separate Mill 5/6-Gold Quarry-James Creek Project (NEV90056) refinery and the doré is sent off-site for further processing. The Mill 4 Tailings Storage Facility N°2 serves as a water balance facility. The project will generate up to 1,000 acres of surface disturbance on a combination of public and private lands. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

Note: This notice is for electronic distribution.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (12 May 2004) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
Capitol Complex  
Attn: Miles Shaw  
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov.bmrr/bmrr01.html>